MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Taluk Committees can also act in co-operation. There is no reference in the G. O. to the Taluk Committees functioning as such. There is nothing preventing them from functioning in active collaboration with the taluk officials.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the member is aware that there is no reference to the Taluk Committees in the G. O. empowering the Tahsildars to appoint local committees for the distribution of rice and tapioca?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Kara Committees must have transformed themselves into Taluk Committees.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the officers who are appointed for the distribution of rice and tapioca in the rural areas?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Village School master and other prominent persons.

PRESIDENT: The idea was, as far as possible, to eliminate the Revenue, Police and Excise officers from the distribution of rice and paddy. Anchal office officials and school masters of the locality have been entrusted with this work. The Kara Committees are entrusted with the distribution of paddy and the Taluk Committees have nothing to do with it.

Iron Bridge at Quilon.

63. ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since the Iron Bridge at Quilon became unsafe for heavy traffic; and

(*b*) whether any estimate has been prepared for repairing the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation and Miscellaneous*):

(*a*) From the beginning of 1114 M. E.

(*b*) Yes.

Kariyamanikkapuram Village Temple Tank.

64. ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Kariyamanikkapuram Village Temple Tank is maintained by Government;

(*b*) whether non-Hindus have any right to bathe in the said tank; and

(*c*) whether any complaint has been lodged before the Idalakudy Police Station that it is being used by non-Hindus?

MR. J. C. CHACKO: (*a*) The expenditure on account of the maintenance is met from the Devaswom Fund.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No complaint was lodged in the Idalakudy Station but one complaint was lodged in the Kottar Police Station in 1117.

Export of banana flour.

65. ***MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether banana flour is being exported from the State;

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